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☞ Last week we made a flying visit to the state capital, but saw nothing there of very great interest. The town of Columbus is improving quite rapidly, and is now one of the most pleasant and desirable places of residence that we know of in the great west. Railroads have done a great deal for the place, and are yet doing much. As a railroad center it is one of the most important points in the west. The depot buildings are large and showy. The advent of the railroad era is causing a new style of buildings to abound more or less in all our large and many of our small towns. Wide roofs, octagon, circular, and all imaginable shapes and angles of walls, may be set down as the railroad style of architecture—a style unknown to the ancients.

But aside from the influence of railroads, a large amount of public money is annually disbursed in and about Columbus, enough to add materially to the business of the place. Over half a million dollars have already been expended within the past few years, in the single item of building the new state house. The walls of this edifice now approach completion. It will probably be a very good state house, but has doubtless cost two or three times as much as it should. To our eye it lacks about 16 or 20 feet in height to give it suitable proportion and majestic appearance. It seems too flat, covering far too much ground for the height. The windows are also too small; and instead of presenting any appearance of elegance or grandeur, its effect is altogether the reverse of anything airy or romantic. It reminds us of nothing so much as a tremendous big brick-kiln.

The private residences of Columbus are a marked feature of the place. We have seen but few places of its size where the number of elegant, substantial private mansions was so great. Of business houses there are beginning to be some creditable specimens. A new block of eight stores on Town street, called the "Gwin Block," shows more taste than anything about the state house.

Of railroads, we saw none that seemed to do as much passenger business as the Toledo and Cleveland road; and, although our hat was not chalked, and our judgment was not therefore warped by that means, we saw none that worked better or more smoothly. The only trouble is to get to it from Perrysburg. And this annoyance seems destined to last throughout the indefinite future. When will the Junction road be finished?

Toledo Advertisements.

We visited Toledo last week and spent part of a day there, during which we called upon several of the business men and obtained their cards for our paper. Besides these, we have the promise of several more. These advertisers are gentlemen of active business habits, enterprising, liberal, and possess fine facilities for doing business in their respective vocations. As a large share of the business of the people of Wood county must always be done in Toledo, we commend to our citizens in an especial manner those business men who take the trouble to advertise their business here. It is the best evidence that they have something to sell, worthy of public attention, and that they are disposed to deal fairly and liberally with their customers.

ROCHESTER, March 13.—Gordon & Co.'s Grist Mill was burnt this morning. Loss \$30,000.

☞ We are authoritatively informed that the Dayton and Michigan R. R. Co. will commence laying iron on their road between Toledo and this place within the next four weeks, and that in three months or less our citizens may expect to be delighted with the whistle of the long expected iron horse.—Can't somebody tell us when we may reasonably hope to see the laying of iron commenced on the Junction road (so called) between this place and Sandusky City? We mean no offence by instituting any comparison between the two roads mentioned, but will simply remark that the prospects, so far as we are now advised, are that the D. & M. road will come nearer fulfilling their promises and statements to the friends of both roads in this place, as to the time of completing these works. We look upon both roads as of vital importance to our town, and our people by having made every effort in their power by liberal subscriptions to aid both, have, we think, proved that they are friends of both, the sayings of some directors of one of them to the contrary notwithstanding. The opposition here at the time of voting stock in the Junction road was comparatively slight, and not one vote was cast against the corporation subscription to the D. & M. road of fifty thousand dollars—the largest amount we were authorized to vote for under the charter of that road.

☞ The Toledo papers say that the Toledo and Louisville railroad is going ahead. The distance from Cincinnati to Cleveland via Columbus is 253 miles; that from Louisville to Toledo about 270 miles. The following points are on the route: Madison and Richmond, Ind., & Greenville, Minster & Wapakoneta, Ohio; thence northwardly on the track of the Dayton and Michigan road if a satisfactory arrangement can be made.

☞ Two new canal boats were launched last week, at the boat-yard of Capt. B. F. Hollister. As we learn that these were dry affairs, we defer particular notices until the next launching, there being several more to take place.

☞ We see that our enterprising fellow-citizen John Eberly, is building him a neat residence on Second street, just below Deacon Williams's. Second is one of the most pleasantly located streets in our delightful town.

☞ Real estate in this place is gradually advancing in value, and we would advise all those desirous of procuring sites for either business houses or dwellings to make purchases now, before the influence of the public improvements leading to our town, which is already very sensibly felt, causes any greater rise. We would say that there is no excitement here in real estate operations, although property well located can meet with ready sale at something near its true value, which has not always been the case, and that none need be deterred from coming among us by fear of having to pay any speculative price to obtain lots on which to build.

☞ We learn that our energetic friend, Hon. Gilbert Bach, will erect an elegant brick mansion on Locust street, near the river, this spring. And Josiah N. Westcott, Esq., our county auditor, intends building immediately a handsome gothic residence on Front street, just above Capt. Perrin's place.

PROVIDENCE, March 14.—An effigy of Senator Douglas was found hanging on a tree in Arlington street this morning.

Walker, the Lower California Fillibuster.

Mr. Walker is a native of Nashville, Tenn. His father, James Walker, is a Scotchman by birth—has been a resident of Nashville for thirty-five years, and is one of its wealthiest and most respectable citizens. He married Mary Norvell, the daughter of Lipscombe Norvell of Virginia. During his college days he was known by his fellow students as "Billy," abbreviated more on account of his youth than from any familiarity with them. He was by far the youngest of his class, and could not have been more than sixteen when he took his degree as a graduate of the Nashville University, attracting much attention at the examination by his bold delivery of a beautiful classical speech on the subject of Texas Independence. Many of the audience could not believe that this speech was the production of a mere child. After leaving the University, he devoted himself assiduously to the study of medicine, and took his degree at one of the Philadelphia medical schools.—He then spent some time in Paris for the purpose of completing his medical course, and returned to Nashville, theoretically, at least, a very accomplished physician. The theory of medicine must have been more pleasant to him than the practice, for he very soon abandoned it, and devoted himself to the study of the law, and after considerable time spent in preparation, commenced the practice of his profession in New Orleans. This he soon changed for the editorial chair, and gained considerable reputation as a ready, forcible, and pungent writer. Now he is the originator and President of a new Republic, but whether his career in his new capacity will continue, the future alone can determine. Mr. Walker is now about thirty years of age, and has devoted nearly the whole of his life to severe and laborious study. He had all the advantages of education, and has improved them. He was known at Nashville almost entirely as a student, mingling but little with the world, and devoting himself exclusively to mental culture. Those who knew him would not be surprised to hear that he had distinguished himself as a lawyer, physician, editor, or minister of the Gospel.—[Richmond (Va.) Mail.

TRACK TORN UP AT ERIE?—On Friday the Cleveland and Erie Railroad Company lent the Buffalo and State Line Company some cars, which, by means of a switch, were run across the break at Erie. To-day Mayor King issued his proclamation for tearing up the track across Sassafras Street, west of the depot. The mob assembled, and despite the efforts of the Sheriff, tore up the track. How long will these rail-rippers rule in the mob city?—Clev. Her.

POWERS'S GREEK SLAVE.—We learn with particular pleasure that this world renowned statue belonging to Hiram Powers, the great Sculptor, has become the property of C. L. Derby, Esq., of this city. Negotiations with Sidney Brooks, Esq., the agent of Mr. Powers, have been pending for several weeks, and the purchase was finally closed at a sum a little short of \$5,000.

Previous to its purchase it was withdrawn from the Crystal Palace Exhibition and boxed for shipment to Europe, where large offers were made for it; but as it is Mr. Powers's original and favorite copy, and the last he intends to produce, he preferred to have it remain in his own country—hence its sale to Mr. Derby.

We congratulate Mr. Derby on securing this valuable Statue and unapproachable work of Art, for its purchase is not only a credit to Sandusky but to the country.—[San. Reg.

MARRIED.—Feb. 14th, by A. B. Bradley, Esq., Mr. LEVI TAYLOR, late of California, and SARAH S. CLARK, daughter of Samuel Clark, all of Plain township.

In this village on the 11th inst., by the Rev. T. J. Pope, Mr. JOHN W. CREPS and Miss MARIA A. CRANKER.

On Monday evening, the 13th inst., by the Rev. L. Ensminger, Lucius Lewis, of Williams county, to Mary Loop, of Perrysburg.

In the Albright church in this place, on Thursday evening, 16th inst., by the Rev. L. Ensminger, JAMES JONES and EBBY DRAKE, all of this place.

Arrival of the Arabia.

HALIFAX, March 15.—Steamer Arabia has arrived with Liverpool dates to March 4th, one week later.

Austria adheres to the allies. Eastern affairs unchanged. The steamer Pacific arrived at Liverpool on the morning of the 22d.

Cotton market opened heavy, but improved at close. More sellers than buyers. Middling qualities declined. Sales of the week 31,000 bales.

Wheat declined 6d.; flour 2s.; corn 2s.

Consols for money quoted at 91½.

No hostilities yet on the Danube nor in Asia, in consequence of heavy snow; the weather is now milder.

France and England insist that Russia shall evacuate the Turkish territory before the 30th of April. All parties are still arming.

The Greek insurrection was in a way of being suppressed.

The Times' Vienna correspondent under date of March 2d, says, the Austrian manifesto announces that Austria will occupy Bosnia and Servia. A panic ensued, in consequence, on the Vienna Bourse.

VIENNA, Feb. 27th.—Movements of troops towards the frontier continue. The Government has decided in connection with the Western Powers to summon Russia to evacuate the Principalities, and if necessary, to employ force to compel her to do so.

Intelligence reached Brussels that the Russian fleets were preparing to leave Cronstadt, probably to gain the sea before the arrival of the combined fleets.

Negotiations between Russia and Sweden are not yet terminated. Fears were entertained at Stockholm, that Russia, in order to give weight to her demands, will make demonstrations with its fleet against that capital.

A Russian envoy had a private audience with the King of Sweden on the 21st of February.

France, England and Russia continued arming on an immense scale.

Sir Charles Napier is appointed to the command of the Baltic fleet. Twenty ships had already assembled at Spithead.

Later advices from Spain, report an insurrection on an extensive scale.

The Russian expedition left Shanghai, on December 24th, for Japan. Commodore Perry's squadron will follow shortly.

The Moniteur publishes a decree ordering French naval officers to act with the English as of one nation.

Lord Ellenborough, in moving in Parliament for Militia, insisted strongly that the troops should have been sent to the Baltic instead of Turkey.

The Duke of Newcastle in reply, said that England had plenty of ships and men to send to the Baltic and Turkey.

A telegraph from Trieste in anticipation of overland India mail, has been received.—Dates from Calcutta, Jan. 12th, state that the Governor-General of India had taken possession of the province of Medi in Burmah in the name of the Queen of England.

The Earl of Winchelsea recommended the establishment of an independent Greek Empire at Constantinople.

THE NEW STATE HOUSE.—By the annual report of the State House Commissioners, for the year 1853, which has been laid upon our table, we learn that the total amount of appropriations up to November 15, 1853, amount to \$531,575. There is an unexpended balance on hand of \$17,600. In June last, a contract was awarded to Ambrose & Lennox for the iron work for the reception of the roof of the building. The contractors have a greater part of the iron work in its proper place, and will have the balance in readiness for the reception of the copper roof during the present spring. The Commissioners say that they have prosecuted the work as rapidly towards completion as their means would justify. In order to complete the building prior to the next meeting of the Legislature, an appropriation of \$400,000 will be required for the years 1854 and 1855.—[State Dem.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Senator Douglas was burned in effigy here, last night, by an immense mass of Germans.